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REVISION IN PROCUREMENT POLICY BY BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) proposes to revise its procurement policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the BSNL to boost manufacturing of the telecom equipment?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (c) Indigenous manufacture of telephone equipment is felt desirable with the objective, inter alia, of the availability of desired quality/standard products at competitive rates, immediate availability of after-sales services and development of new technologies in the country. A procurement framework, whereby only vendors who indigenously manufacture (or have definite plans to do so) certain telecom products are alone eligible for procurement is under active consideration by BSNL.